To try to prove that God exists is just as absurd as to assert that he does not exist.

For our assertions and our proofs will not create him , . . or suppress him.

I prefer to say that since there is something, it is God. To explain him means nothing to me; he explains himself through all Nature; that is his way of existing.

Prayer is the oratorical form of the soul.

It is a disturbing thought that man needs a tradition, a history, to understand an eternal God. The history of God can only be the history of what men have thought him to be.

As soon as a man has a thought he writes a whole volume not so much to explain it as to excuse himself for having it.

John the Baptist is Christ's oratorical preparation of the audience.

I have always found my happiness in simplifying everything by ever greater generalizations — so as to make my possession as truly portable as the cup with which Hafiz intoxicates himself.

Make a rule of paying attention in each creature only to the unique and different element, of which the common matter is merely the too massive support.

"Paganism" leads to peace only if you presuppose above all those rival gods a single power to dominate them.

Happiness lies in a recognition of agreement rather than of strife*
And even if each of the forces of nature in turn struggled against all the others, it would be impossible for me not to conceive a higher unity presiding over that very struggle, starting-point of every division, in which each soul can take refuge for its own well-being.

One ought never to buy anything except with love. Anyone whatever, anything whatsoever, ought always to belong to

the person who loves it best. Bread to the most hungry man; the sweet to the one who prefers it or who has already supped. You can explain the drunkenness of the masses on these grounds: they drink to forget that they haven't what they desire; moreover, the drunkenness of the tipper classes can be explained in the same way. Drunkenness is never anything but a substitute for happiness, It amounts to buying the dream of a thing when you haven't money enough to buy the dreamed-of thing materially. The bottle that gave drunkenness is worth" the Wild Ass's Skin as long as